

President's Report to the Senate
September 3, 2009

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Academic Affairs Committee of CPC met on September 2 to discuss whether or not the College should hold a winter session. After reviewing the budget, class enrollment for fall, and the required FTES for the year, the consensus was that Winter Session should not be held. The recommendation will be considered by the Academic Senate at its September 3 meeting.

CORE

The President held a campus-wide meeting to discuss priorities under Measure J. Of principle concern is making sure we have enough funding for all the new proposed structures, including the new Seahawk Center, a new Master Plan configuration that includes all the new buildings and the proposed renovated ones like the General Classroom Building, and the District's new proposals for land-swaps with the city of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department. No sketches of the swaps were provided, however. The next CORE meeting will be September 8.

District Academic Senate Executive Meetings

Two meetings have been held this summer: one in July and the other in August. The July meeting centered on the District changes in leadership, the accreditation reports, the budget shortfall, and bond issues. David Beaulieu stated that he had been contacted by the Los Angeles Times re bond issues but had not yet spoken to them. Senate Presidents expressed their grave concerns about the cuts in categorical programs that were being proposed and do now exist. The State and the District still do not know how much of the shortfall will be made up by the federal government, but the figure diminishes daily. It may be under \$60 million of the expected \$130 million.

Summit plans were discussed, and because of all the challenges facing the District, it was decided to concentrate on: facilities planning, maintaining student success in budget hard times, and responding to accreditation demands re shared governance. The new Summit date is October 2, and the new place will be Monarch Hall at Valley College.

Several board rule changes will be voted on this fall, so those changes were discussed and distributed. They will be given to the Harbor College Senate at the September 3 meeting and discussed at the next meeting on the 17th.

Reorganization of the DAS was discussed: two Vice Presidents instead of one; EPAC title change proposal, and possibly other changes.